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# OUR ARMY MAY INVADE CHINA.

# FLEET NOW MENACES

## CLOUDBURST IN TEXAS.

## LIVES LOST

Train Wrecked in Wash-  
out and Vast Extent  
of Country Flooded—  
Great Property Loss.

AUSTIN, Tex., April 7.—This section  
was visited by a cloudburst today, and  
the entire county is inundated.

The Colorado River here has risen  
eleven feet in three hours, and it still  
rises three feet an hour.

The storm was the most terrible on  
record, sweeping everything before it.  
As a result, a bridge on the Interna-  
tional and Great Northern Railroad  
seventeen miles north of here was  
washed out, wrecking the St. Louis  
southbound "cannon-ball" train, ditch-  
ing the engine, the mail car, one pas-  
senger coach and one sleeper.

Quite a number of people are reported  
buried, but the list of casualties is not  
obtainable at present.

The damage to this section of the State  
will amount to hundreds of thousands  
of dollars.

Another flood is feared, as the cloudburst  
is in the path of the immense  
flood of last Spring, which wrecked so  
many millions of dollars' worth of prop-  
erty.

The Austin and Northwestern Rail-  
road operating to the Northwest from  
here along the Colorado river ridge is  
a serious loss as a result of four  
bridges being washed out and much  
track washed away. No trains are be-  
ing operated today.

Reports from all sections tributary to  
the Colorado River reported great dam-  
age to property.

Unidentified rumors say that a family  
of six negroes living on Shoal River,  
west of here, were drowned.

Quite a number of people living in the  
lowlands had to leave their homes, the  
water having flooded the houses to the  
top of three feet.

Fears are felt that the flood will be  
destructive to life and property here  
west of the Colorado River above  
here, and that the worst storm ever  
known is now racing there, attended  
by loss of life and property.

All the water falling there will have  
to come here, and it is feared that it  
will be a deluge and a half water and light  
blast and dam will suffer, for the water  
now within two feet of the danger  
mark.

DALLAS, Tex., April 7.—The Colorado  
River has risen 17 feet since midnight.  
The Brazos and Trinity are rising.  
Five serious washouts on the Austin  
and Northwestern Railroad are reported  
and traffic has been abandoned. It is  
still raining and news of great damage  
comes from many points in central and  
southern Texas.

AUSTIN DAM WRECKED.

Flood Has Swept Away One of the  
Most Important Structures of Its  
Kind in the Country.

DALLAS, Tex., April 7.—At 12:30 p.  
m. all wires between Dallas and Austin  
were cut.

A telephone from La Grande, seventy-  
five miles below Austin, says the big  
dam across the Colorado River at Aus-  
tin broke at 11:30 o'clock and that the  
big dam of which it was a part was  
washed away, and destroyed all  
communication. No loss of life  
has been yet reported.

The damage will reach hundreds of  
thousands of dollars, as the Austin dam  
is one of the largest and most impor-  
tant of its kind in the country.

The following bulletin was received  
from La Grande at 1:30 p. m.:  
"The breaking of the Colorado River dam at  
Austin was something terrible. People  
along the water line of the river are  
deaf for high ground. Smithville re-  
ports the people of the town nearly  
drowned with fright."

## MRS. DEWEY OPPOSES ADMIRAL'S AMBITION.



MRS. DEWEY.

A despatch from Washington this after-  
noon says that Mrs. Dewey has written  
the following letter:

"I was told a correspondent says I am  
responsible for my husband's consenting  
to become a Presidential candidate.

"So far from this being the case, I at-  
tempted to dissuade him, realizing the  
grave anxieties and responsibilities sur-  
rounding a candidate."

Two New York newspapers and all the  
Philadelphia papers printed this morn-  
ing a story that Mayor Van Wyck vis-  
ited Philadelphia yesterday and held a  
political consultation with Admiral Dewey.

This story is not true. Mayor Van  
Wyck was in his office yesterday until  
5 o'clock. The story had him conferring  
with Dewey shortly after noon.

According to the Philadelphia account  
of Van Wyck's visit, he went as Tam-  
many envoy to conclude an alliance with  
Dewey. He was accompanied by two  
politicians of note, unknown to the  
Philadelphia reporters.

After a long conference between the

Admiral Van Wyck and the two un-  
known politicians, it was agreed that  
Tammany would deliver New York's vote  
to Dewey at the Kansas City Con-  
vention. The greatest secrecy was said  
to have been maintained during the con-  
ference.

An Evening World reporter called at  
Mayor Van Wyck's home this morning.  
A servant girl answered the bell. Stand-  
ing in the hallway the reporter said:

"I am a newspaper man. I have not  
called to interview the Mayor, but  
simply to show him a newspaper which  
says that Mayor Van Wyck and two  
other Tammany men went to Philadel-  
phia yesterday afternoon and had a  
conference with Admiral Dewey. Will  
you show this paper to the Mayor and  
ask him if the story is true?"

The reporter heard a rustling in the  
hall above and a rasping voice, easily  
recognized as that of the Mayor, be-  
lowed down the stairs:

"You can save yourself the trouble of  
sending any message upstairs to me.  
This is my house. I don't want any one  
coming here to ask such questions. If

several times amidst ever-increasing  
cheering, Her Majesty returned to the  
Vicer-regal Lodge.

The Queen's reception in Phoenix  
Park today was as remarkable as a  
State entry. The lines of children ex-  
tended for miles along the road, eight  
and ten deep, and while awaiting Her  
Majesty's arrival they alternately sang  
in chorus "God Save the Queen" and  
cheered, while huge baskets of buns  
and chocolate were distributed to them.

The Queen was delighted with the  
ovation she received, which culminated  
when a bouquet composed of "lies of the  
valley and violets in a basket of sham-  
rock" was presented to her.

## TOWN SWEEPED AWAY; 14 LIVES LOST IN THE TEXAS FLOOD.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Dallas, Tex., says:

"A bulletin from Tarrant, Tex., at 3:30 p. m. this afternoon, says the  
town of Circleville has been washed away. The place had 100 inhabitants.

Nothing was left of the town. Fourteen  
lives were lost when the powerhouse was swept away. No other lives  
have been lost, but it is believed that 100 must have perished in the  
valley and lowlands of the Colorado to the south."

## FIVE MURDERERS GARROTED IN PUERTO RICO.

PONCE, Puerto Rico, April 7.—Thousands of people witnessed the  
execution of five murderers by the garrote in the public square today. The  
condemned men were Simon Rodriguez, Carlos Pacheco, Herenegues Pa-  
checo, Eufemio Rodriguez and Rosalia Santiago. They were convicted of  
murdering a family in the province of Ponce.

## GEN. OTIS FORMALLY RELIEVED OF HIS COMMAND.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Gen. Otis has been formally relieved of  
the command of the United States forces in the Philippines and of the  
Eighth Army Corps.

## BASEBALL GAMES TO-DAY.

At Polo Grounds—"His" 5; "Maxbys" 5.  
At Augusta—Augusta, 3; Brooklyn, 10.  
At New Haven—Westcott, 10; Yale, 12.  
At Princeton—Tutts, 2; Princeton, 12.  
At Cambridge—Boston, 2; Harvard, 5.  
At Portland—C. C. of N. Y., 2; Portland, 10.

## 35,000 CHILDREN GREET THE QUEEN.

## Victoria Drives Through Rank After Rank of Ireland's Little Ones.

DUBLIN, April 7.—Queen Victoria re-  
viewed 35,000 children in Phoenix Park  
this afternoon. The weather was mild.  
Her Majesty drove from the Vic-  
regal Lodge to Phoenix Park. There  
was a remarkable demonstration.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prin-  
cesses, drove through the extended line  
of children, bowing repeated acknowl-  
edgments of their joyous hurrahs. At  
about the centre of the line a stand was  
erected, which was occupied by the  
Lady Mayoress and others.

Here a little girl presented the Queen  
with a bouquet, to which a card was  
attached bearing the inscription:

TO OUR BELOVED QUEEN,  
FROM THE CHILDREN OF IRELAND.  
QUEEN'S DAY, APRIL 7, 1900.

After driving up and down the line

## GREAT EUROPEAN POWERS JOIN IN DEMONSTRATION.

## FOUGHT BIG ODDS FOR 24 LONG HOURS.

## Six Hundred British Held 3,200 Boers at Bay and Then Gave Up.

LONDON, April 7.—Lord Roberts  
to-day cabled to the War Office re-  
garding the capture of five companies  
of British troops by the Boers.

It appears that this force of nearly  
600 men held five times their number  
at bay for twenty-four hours and lost  
forty-five men killed or wounded.

The despatch is as follows:  
"BLOEMFONTEIN, Friday, April  
6.—The casualties at Reddersburg were:

Officers killed, Capt. F. G.  
Casson and Lieut. C. R. Barclay;  
both of the Northumberland;

wounded, two; captured, eight.  
Non-commissioned officers and men  
killed, eight; wounded, thirty-three;  
the rest were captured.

"Our strength was 167 mounted in-  
fantry and 424 infantry. The enemy  
was said to be 3,200 strong, with five  
guns."

They marched into the arms of the  
British and were much surprised at  
being surrounded by the soldiers.

The Canadian artillery has returned  
here from Van Wyck's Viei.

that place, have been captured by the

## BOER CAPTIVES FLEE.

CAPE TOWN, April 6.—A determined  
effort to escape was made to-day by the  
Boer prisoners at Simonstown. Great  
excitement prevailed.

Forteen prisoners got away. Armed  
soldiers are searching for them every-  
where, but so far they have not been  
successful in running them down.

It is likely that they are being con-  
cealed by Dutch sympathizers. The  
guards landed 150 of the prisoners from  
the prison ships on Tuesday. Their con-  
dition abroad was deplorable owing to  
the prevalence of fever.

It was some of these who escaped.  
In the confusion one of the prisoners  
was killed and another was wounded.  
One man was recaptured, but about four-  
teen are missing.

Sentries have been placed at different  
parts of the town and the station is  
under military supervision.

## BRABANT IN PERIL.

LONDON, April 7.—The town of  
Boers are in force at Wepener, north  
of Smithfield, Orange Free State, and  
are threatening Gen. Brabant's Colonial  
Division, the main body of which, with  
the artillery, is at Wepener.

A telegram which left Maseru, Basu-  
toland, north of Wepener, at midnight,  
describes the Boers as being "in great  
force" and as afraid to make a frontal  
attack, but they were endeavoring to  
turn the British position by crossing the  
Basuto frontier by a road skirting Calo-  
don.

## BOERS IN CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Mr. Richard-  
son (Tenn.), the floor leader of the mi-  
nority, in the House today asked unani-  
mous consent for the consideration of  
the following resolution:

"Resolved, That this House views with  
deep interest the heroic struggle of the  
Republic of South Africa to maintain  
their independence and hereby tenders  
them our most profound sympathy in  
their unequal but gallant struggle."

"That resolution should go to the  
Committee on Foreign Affairs," observed  
Mr. Payne (N. Y.), the floor leader of the  
majority.

"I understand the gentleman to be  
objecting," noted Mr. Richardson,  
"I do," replied Mr. Payne.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The news  
that America, Great Britain, France  
and Germany have taken concerted ac-  
tion in China and have sent a joint ul-  
timate to Peking created a big sensa-  
tion here.

The State Department was mysteri-  
ously evasive. It was stated by officials  
that Minister Conger undoubtedly had  
authority to protest in the strongest  
language in the interests of American  
citizens and would even be acting within  
his sphere if he notified the Tsung-tsi  
Yamen that the United States would  
take material steps to assert its rights.

But it was claimed that no action  
were given him to take concerted action  
with the powers and that no news had  
been received from the Minister for some  
days.

It was admitted that the Wheeling had  
arrived at Tientsin-Tsin, but it was denied  
that any marines had been landed to  
protect the legation at Peking. As a  
matter of fact there are at least ten  
American warships in Chinese waters  
including the Brooklyn, Oregon, Nevada  
and New Orleans.

The general opinion was that the  
long-expected movement to divide  
China into spheres of influence had al-  
ready begun and that as the Imperial  
Government would be unable to sup-  
press the secret society of "Boxers,"  
the ultimate expedition of the troops of  
the powers would mean the actual op-  
pression of the nation of China.

## THE JOINT ULTIMATUM.

Chinese Government Told to Sup-  
press "Boxers" or Prepare to  
Take Consequences.

(By the Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 7.—A special de-  
spatch from Shanghai announced that  
the American, British, German and  
French Ministers have sent a joint  
note to the Chinese Foreign Office de-  
manding the total suppression of the  
Society of Boxers within two months,  
and announcing that, otherwise, the  
powers mentioned will land troops  
and march into the interior, northern  
provinces, Shan-Tung and Chi-li, in  
order to secure the safety of for-  
eigners.

According to the same despatch the  
American, Italian and French Legat-  
ions are now provided with a naval  
guard from the large gathering of  
warships at Taku.

Liu-Kun-Yih, viceroy of Ling-  
Kiang, has had three audiences with  
the Dowager Empress relative to the  
Emperor, and it is believed that he  
has impressed her with the advan-  
tages of restoring His Majesty to power.

TIEN-TSIN, China, April 7.—The  
United States gunboat Wheeling and  
the Russian gunboat Korietz arrived  
at Taku to-day. The Korietz has  
since departed.

## BURNED IN EXPLOSION.

Blasting Oil from Lamp Set Fire  
to Bed in Which Woman  
Was Sleeping.

Katie Dorin, thirty-five years old, was  
badly burned to-day by the explosion of  
a kerosene lamp in her room on the  
fourth floor of a hotel kept by Magistrate  
Jew Smith at No. 11 Borden avenue,  
Long Island City. The woman has  
been employed as a domestic in the  
family for seventeen years. She was  
lying in the habit of having a  
burning in her room all night.

About 4 o'clock this morning the  
woman, who was sleeping in a bed  
which stood on a table near the door,  
placed a lamp on the table and the  
woman's night dress, which  
house beat out the flames. Mrs.  
Dorin was said her condition was  
serious.

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